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FOR DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY SOBER FROM AMBASSADOR

EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: USIRJC, IR

SUB: MEETING OF USIRJC

REF: STATE 163227

1. THIS RESPONDS TO THE NUCLEAR AGREEMENT QUESTION YOU
RAISED IN REFTEL. I WILL ADDRESS OTHER QUESTIONS SEPARATELY.
2. AS YOU KNOW, THE FRG AND THE GOI WILL BE SIGNING THEIR
AGREEMENT HERE ON JULY 3RD AND WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE GOI
HAS OBTAINED A GENERAL COMMITMENT FROM THE FRG FOR FURTHER
ASSISTANCE IN REPROCESSING. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE GOI
IS ENORMOUSLY PLEASED WITH THIS AGREEMENT ALTHOUGH LESS
HAPPY WITH ITS PRICE TAG. WE ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT THE
AEOI, FRESH FROM ITS SUCCESS WITH THE GERMANS, IS DETERMINED
TO CONCLUDE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE FRENCH COVERING THE NEXT
TWO IRANIAN NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS (LOCATION YET TO BE
DECIDED) AND TO SIGN DEFINITIVE CONTRACTS WITH FRAMATOME
IN OCTOBER 1976.
3. WE WOULD BE VERY PLEASED IF OUR NUCLEAR AGREEMENT
COULD BE THE CENTERPIECE OF OUR USIRJC MEETING BUT
WONDER WHETHER WE MAY BE CONFRONTED WITH UNRESOLVABLE
REPROCESSING PROBLEMS IN LIGHT OF THE GOI-FRG AGREEMENT.
FURTHER, EVEN ASSUMING WE WERE ABLE TO REACH AGREEMENT
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BEFORE THE USIRJC MEETING, WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE TO GET

IT THROUGH THE CONGRESS BEFORE ADJOURNMENT. WE UNDER-
STAND THAT THE AEOI IS HAVING SIMILAR THOUGHTS AND WONDER-
ING WHETHER IT WOULD NOT BE BEST TO WAIT UNTIL AFTER OUR
NOVEMBER ELECTION. I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE YOUR READING ON
THIS LATTER POINT BEFORE DECIDING WHETHER TO PRESS THE
IRANIANS FURTHER.
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